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Serenade

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WHENEVER I PLAY THIS SONG, I FEEL AS THOUGH I AM BACK TO THE TIME

WHEN I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING...

WOW..
HEO YEONJU
(21)

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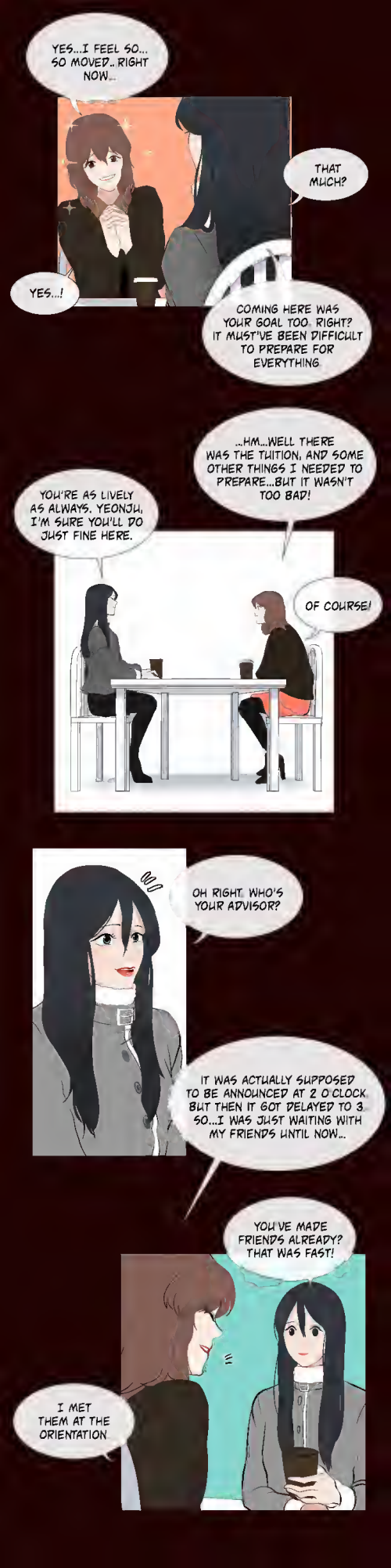
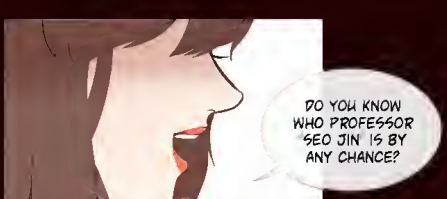
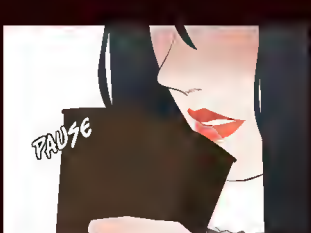
OO INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS.
HALL OF MUSIC.
REALLY. HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER?
IT'S SO GREAT TO SEE YOU, UNNIE!
IT'S ALREADY BEEN 3 YEARS SINCE WE STUDIED TOGETHER AT THE ACADEMY..
AND NOW WE MEET AGAIN HERE?
PARK HEE-EUN (23)


YES...I FEEL SO... SO MOVED..RIGHT NOW...
THAT MUCH?
YES...!
COMING HERE WAS YOUR GOAL TOO. RIGHT? IT MUST'VE BEEN DIFFICULT TO PREPARE FOR EVERYTHING
..HM...WELL THERE WAS THE TUITION, AND SOME OTHER THINGS I NEEDED TO PREPARE...BUT IT WASN'T TOO BAD!
YOU'RE AS LIVELY AS ALWAYS. YEONJU, I'M SURE YOU'LL DO JUST FINE HERE.
OF COURSE!
OH RIGHT. WHO'S YOUR ADVISOR?
IT WAS ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE ANNOUNCED AT 2 O'CLOCK BUT THEN IT GOT DELAYED TO 3. SO...I WAS JUST WAITING WITH MY FRIENDS UNTIL NOW...
YOU'VE MADE FRIENDS ALREADY? THAT WAS FAST!
I MET THEM AT THE ORIENTATION

THEY WERE ALL ONE YEAR OLDER THAN NORMAL FRESHMEN JUST LIKE ME... SO WE GOT CLOSE SUPER FAST.
YOU TOO?
YOU TOO?
YEAH...
THEY'RE REALLY NICE...
YEONJU, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS...
I HOPE YOU ALL GET ASSIGNED TO GREAT ADVISORS.
...I REALLY MEAN IT
UNNIE...THANK YOU SO MUCH.

OH, RIGHT. I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...
SURE, WHAT IS IT?


DO YOU KNOW WHO PROFESSOR SEO JIN IS BY ANY CHANCE?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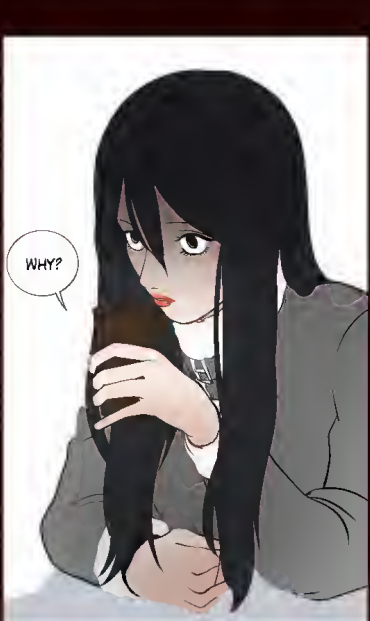

WHY?

WELL... WHEN I WAS WITH MY FRIENDS EARLIER...
WHAT THE HECK!
THEY SAID 2 O'CLOCK, SO WE GOT HERE AT 1:30!!!
I'M SO NERVOUS I'M GOING CRAZY!
<Notice> Advisors will be announced at 3 o'clock. We apologize for the delay.-Hong Moonsik T.A
IS IT JUST ME? HUH?
TAP!
RIGHT? YEONJU!
AH. YES?

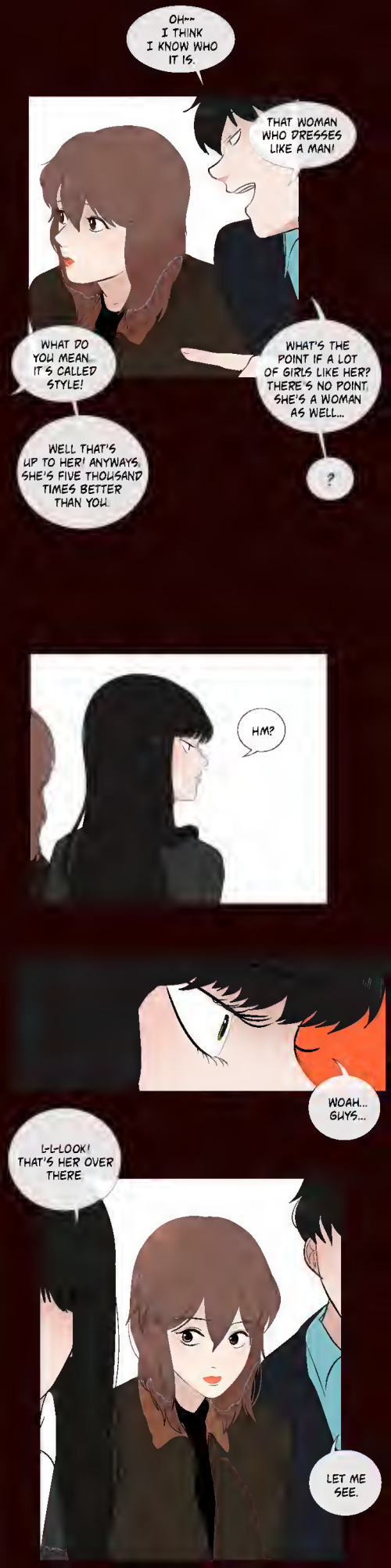
YEONJU, AREN'T YOU NERVOUS ABOUT WHICH PROFESSOR YOU'LL BE ASSIGNED TO?
HM...WELL...
WOO YEJI (21)
JUNG CHANGMIN (21)

I'M JUST SO THANKFUL THAT I'M ACTUALLY HERE THAT I CAN'T REALLY THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...

...AM I OVERREACTING?
HEHEH...
YOU'RE SO POSITIVE YEONJU!

IT'S JUST THAT... I HAVE A SPECIFIC PROFESSOR IN MIND THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE LESSONS FROM.
OH, WHO IS IT?

I'M PRETTY SURE ANYONE INTO PIANO KNOWS ABOUT HER.
SHE'S ONLY THIRTY, BUT SHE'S SO TALENTED THAT SHE'S ALREADY A FULL-TIME PROFESSOR HERE.
WOAH, REALLY?
DOES SHE HAVE CONNECTIONS OR SOMETHING?
WHO KNOWS. BUT TALENT ASIDE, THEY SAY...
...HER LOOKS MAKE ALL THE GIRLS SWOON...
WAIT, DID YOU SAY IT'S A GUY?
HELLO?
NO.
PIANO?
OF COURSE, IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF HER LOOKS THAT I WANT TO TAKE LESSONS FROM HER...
BUT I SAW SOME PICTURES OF HER AND IT REALLY IS TRUE


OH~~
I THINK
I KNOW WHO
IT IS.
THAT WOMAN
WHO DRESSES
LIKE A MAN!
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
IT'S CALLED
STYLE!
WELL THAT'S
UP TO HER! ANYWAYS,
SHE'S FIVE THOUSAND
TIMES BETTER
THAN YOU.
WHAT'S THE
POINT IF A LOT
OF GIRLS LIKE HER?
THERE'S NO POINT,
SHE'S A WOMAN
AS WELL...
?
HM?
WOAH...
GUYS...
L-L-LOOK!
THAT'S HER OVER
THERE
LET ME
SEE.

IT'S PROBABLY JUST HER PHOTOS THAT LOOK GOOD
IN REAL LIFE SHE PROBABLY IS...UH...
SEO JIN (32) OO INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS. MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROFESSOR
IS..
IS...UM... NOT TOO GOOD LOOKING...

...THAT'S WHAT
THEY SAID...

AND AT FIRST
I JUST THOUGHT,
'AH, SO THERE'S A
PERSON LIKE THAT.'
BUT THEN...

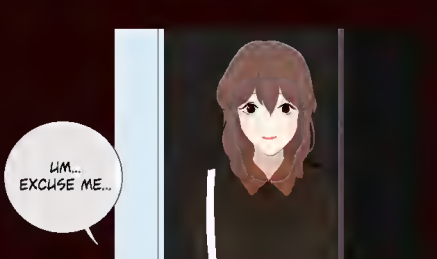
I SAW HER,
AND I WAS PRETTY
SURE I SAW HER
BEFORE.

AND THEY SAY SHE'S SUPER TALENTED...
SO I THOUGHT I'D LIKE TO LEARN FROM HER AS WELL...
YEONJU
HM?
I'M SURE YOU KNOW THAT THE PROFESSORS HERE ARE ALL VERY EXCELLENT...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S TALENTED?
AH...SORRY... I WAS SPEAKING TOO RASHLY, WASN'T I...
AND...

I'M TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE IT'S YOU, YEONJU...
LATER ON
PLEASE GO TO ROOM 404.
ROOM 404...?
YES. STRAIGHT OUT THEN TO THE LEFT
AH... THANK YOU.
HONG MOONSIK (29) OO COLLEGE OF MUSIC. T.A.
..IT SHOULD BE OKAY. RIGHT...?

404...?

YES~


UM...
EXCUSE ME...

HEY! COOL!
YEONJU YOU
TOO...?

PROFESSOR?

YEAH.

...
YEAH.

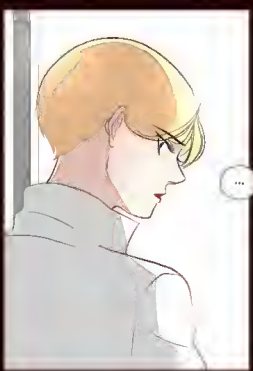
I HEARD THEY DELAYED THE ANNOUNCEMENTS... YOU WERE LATE AGAIN, WEREN'T YOU?

...
YEAH.

...IT MUST'VE BEEN A HASSLE FOR THE T.A.

SO WHO DID YOU ASK FOR?
ANYONE.

SLIDE—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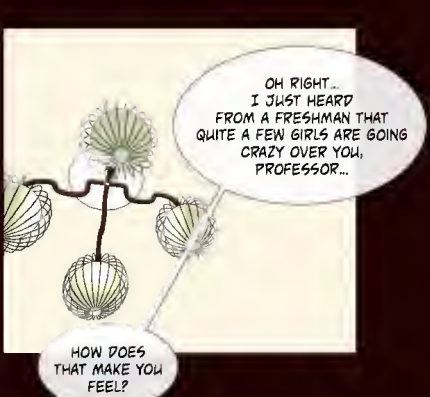
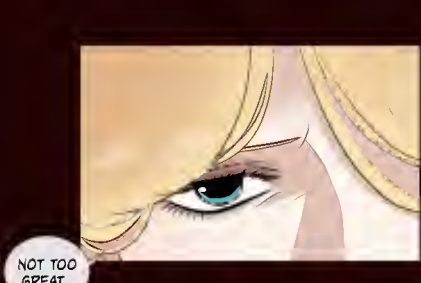
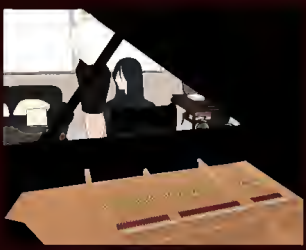
A MALE STUDENT...
...DID YOU MEET HIM?
NOT YET


OH RIGHT... I JUST HEARD FROM A FRESHMAN THAT QUITE A FEW GIRLS ARE GOING CRAZY OVER YOU, PROFESSOR...
HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?


NOT TOO GREAT...



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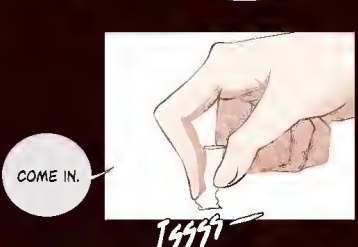
KNOCK KNOCK!

YES?
IT'S ME! HONG!


COME IN.
TSSSS

SORRY TO DISTURB YOUR LESSON.
WHAT IS IT?

THE STUDENT GOT LOST SO...
THERE ARE ROOM NUMBERS OUTSIDE
I FORGOT THAT WE TOOK THEM DOWN TO REPLACE THEM...

AH... RIGHT...

ANYWAYS... COME IN..!
?.
AH, YES...!
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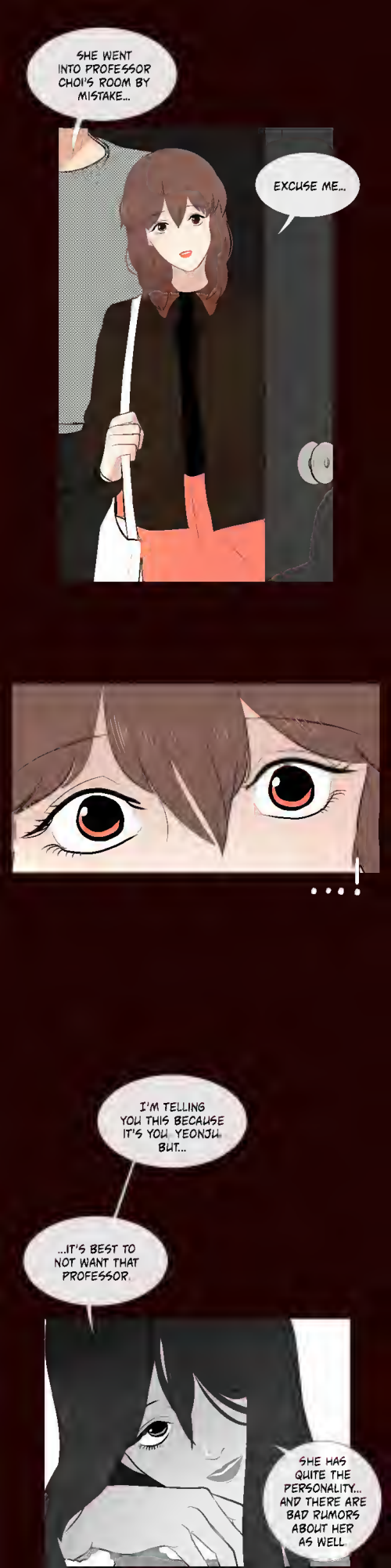
SHE WENT INTO PROFESSOR CHOI'S ROOM BY MISTAKE...
EXCUSE ME...
...!
I'M TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE IT'S YOU, YEONJU. BUT...
...IT'S BEST TO NOT WANT THAT PROFESSOR.
SHE HAS QUITE THE PERSONALITY... AND THERE ARE BAD RUMORS ABOUT HER AS WELL

LIKE WHAT...?

...SHE'S SUPER STRICT. SO YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH DEAD IF SHE CATCHES YOU DOING SOMETHING WRONG. WE CALL HER THE 'VENUS FLYTRAP'

AND THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS THAT SHE'S A 'LESBIAN'...

I ASKED FOR A MALE STUDENT.
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO LET ME KNOW EARLIER.
...HEE-EUN UNNIE...?
...YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
...YES...
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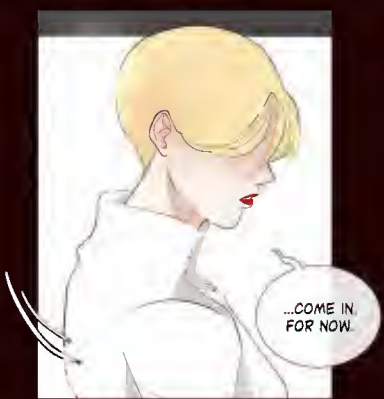

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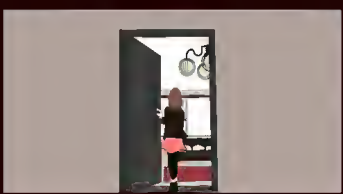
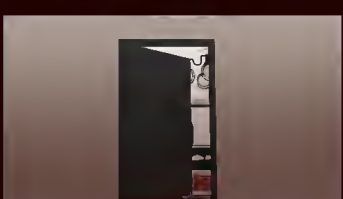
WHEN I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING...

WHEN I COULDN'T PREDICT AT ALL...
THE THINGS THAT WERE GOING TO
HAPPEN TO ME...



...THAT TIME.



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